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- On 26 December 1949 the Canton General Labor Union a mointed CH ET Shu-jan (读 紫 然) to arrange for the take-over of the Canton Mechanics' Union. CHIEN Kiung-chia, one of the officials engaged in the take-over, announced to the union an order setting forth the reasons for which the union was being taken over by the Communists. The order stated that for the past ten years the union had been controlled by LI Te-hsuan (李德軒), who had helped the Nationalist exploit the workers, and the union was therefore being liberated and reorganized.
- The Chauffeurs' Union in Canton has been reorganized into the Motor Workers' Representative Association. Officers of the union are as follows.

Chairman

CHANG Ping (張 炳)

Vice Chairman

CHUTTU Ven (陵文)

Secretariat

I'UA'I Chih-hua (管 植幸)

CH'U Sheng (區 勝)

General Affairs Section

CH'IU Ta'u-hain (丘陽新)

MAI Ch'uan (麥全)

Finance Section

CHU Chia-ho (朱嘉夫)

Inspection Section

LI Jih-kung (李日公)

LIANG Ming (望明)

CHENG Sung (鄭松)

3. The Canton Printers Union has been remaned the Publishers and Printers Union. Some of its leading members are:

TENG Chan-ming (舒展明)

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LI Chao (黎釗) HSUA!! Yeh-yun (宜野雲) HU Tru-ming (胡 子明) III Hua (林華) CHOU Fu (周南) LIN Ven (林文) CHIANG Huon (江桓) LI Po-shao (李伯韶) WALIG Sun (王 孫) 10, Chun-li (羅 君立) LU Chiun (吕春) LI 3hu-sheng (李樹聲) SSU-TU Nung (司徒渡) TU Hai-vei (杜海威) T'All Chan-yum (譚展雲) HO Chun-yung (何鈞客) M Tien (李 **添)** 

- 4. The Canton printers are showing no interest in their newly-or maized labor union. The reasons for this lack of interest may be attributed to the following facts:
  - a. Printers of the Yueh-Hua (越幸). Haien Haiang (現泉), and Kuo Hua (國幸) plants have been receiving wages in proportion to the earnings of the respective plants. However, should they become union members, their wages will be standardized and they will not receive as much as formerly.
  - b. The wages at the Nan Fang Pao (South China Press) and other maners taken over by the Communists are lower than they were under the Nationalist regime. No improvements have been noticed in these Communist plants and the printers feel that Communist labor unions will not improve their standard of living.
- 5. Communist authorities in Canton dispatched workers and funds to aid the strike of the Hong Kong Tramways Company Union. The workers were divided into small groups, and each group was controlled by a political inspector who frightened the workers into not saying anything against them. The strike committee supplied funds to the chief of each group who in turn provided relief to the workers under him.\*
- 6. UU Shao-shu (吳紹樹) has been appointed as an advisor to the Ministry of Communications.
- 7. Communists who have been assiged for the take-over of the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications, the Farmer's Bank of China, the Central Trust of China, the Postal Savings and Remittances Bank, and the China Vegetable Oil Corporation in Hong Kong are CHI Ch'ao-ting (美明素), CH'IEN Chia-chu (子家明) and CHANG Nai-ch'i (書乃器).

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